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JAMES M. PRICHARD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, February 6, 2006
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Peter Charter, Dennis Frawley, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Michael Stupinski and Nancy Way

OTHERS PRESENT: EVFD: M. Varney; Resident: G. Lee; Approximately 25 Residents from East Shore Road; JI Reporter: J. Misthal

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Stupinski called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:25 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Mira Steele, 10 East Shore Road, read a statement regarding a request for the Town to plow and sand East Shore Road (private road). She noted that the Town has been plowing Aborn Road, which is privately owned, since 1978. Ms. Steel referenced an incident on January 14, 2006 when she called 9-1-1 and they were unable to get to her house because there was a tree across the road and there were icy conditions. She questioned why DPW did not provide assistance for the Ambulance. Mr. Stupinski stated that the DPW monitors the ambulance calls and if help is needed for an ambulance to access a road, they will provide assistance. He will look into this incident to determine why they were not called.

Piara Qusba, 44 East Shore Road, asked if a waiver of liability was provided by the residents of Aborn Road, when the Town agreed to plow and sand that road. Mr. Stupinski responded no but the Town will require one for East Shore Road. He will ask the Town Attorney to prepare a waiver of liability agreement and will forward it to the East Shore Road spokesperson, Ann Bonney, when he receives it.

Paul Bouvier, 34 East Shore, asked what the timeline is to call a Town Meeting. Mr. Stupinski explained that the Town does not plow or sand private property, noting there are many private roads all over Town. If the residents of East Shore Road want the Town to consider plowing and sanding, they must request that the BOS set a Town Meeting date. Before a Town Meeting date is set, Mr. Stupinski wants to have a waiver of liability agreement in place. In addition, a properly worded motion must be developed before a legal notice can be placed.

Ray Temple, 38 East Shore Road, stated that the residents of East Shore Road do not see a reduction in their taxes for this reduction in service. He stated that currently garbage trucks go down the road without much trouble and he would expect a ¾ to 1 ton Town truck would be able to maneuver the road for plowing/sanding. Mr. Stupinski explained that taxes are reflective of the property value, and not for services provided.

Ms. Steele stated that with the aging population of East Shore Road and emergency situations as she mentioned before, it is essential for the Town to start plowing and sanding the road.

Mr. Miller asked for permission to access the road. The residents said they would welcome a visit from Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller asked if the Town Attorney advises them not to incur the liability of plowing East Shore Road, will the residents consider bringing the road up to Town standards. Ann Bonney, East Shore Road, stated that standards were not in place when East Shore Road was developed and it would be almost impossible to conform to Town standards without removing some homes.

Matt Steele, 10 East Shore Road, stated that plowing and sanding East Shore Road is the right thing for the Town to do.

Mr. Charter asked the residents of East Shore Road if they were willing to pay the tax increase for plowing all private roads in Town which would include condominiums. Mr. Bouvier stated that if other private road residents want the Town to plow and sand their road, that they can request a Town Meeting.

Mr. Miller asked the residents if they currently contract to plow and sand the road. Mr. Temple responded yes. Mr. Miller asked why that is no longer acceptable. Ms. Bonney stated that their homeowners insurance will not provide coverage if they collaborate with their neighbors for shared services.

Kerry Dorothy, 20 East Shore Road, asked how the Town will proceed from here. Mr. Stupinski will ask the Town Attorney to draw up a general waiver of liability agreement and he will present it to the BOS for review.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 9, 2006 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2006.

B. January 23, 2006 Board of Selectmen Capital Improvements Meeting

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2006.

The BOS went out of agenda order to NEW BUSINESS, K.

V. NEW BUSINESS

K. Award Bid – Asbestos Removal at Center Fire House

Chief Varney stated that the lowest bidder did not meet the criteria of the bid specifications; therefore, he recommends going with the second lowest bidder. He explained that this will overextend the allocated budget for this project by \$4,000. In addition, once the asbestos is removed and the floor replaced, the hose tower will have to be rebuilt. A separate budget will be submitted for that project.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS AT THE ELLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING TO OSCAR'S ABATEMENT OF HARTFORD, CT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,100.

Mr. Pagani suggested the BOS forward a request for the additional \$4,000 to the BOF for consideration at their February 7, 2006 meeting.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (WAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AN ADDED APPROPRIATION OF \$4,000 TO THE ELLINGTON FIRE HOUSE ENGINEERING REVIEW LINE IN THE CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING BUDGET FOR FY 2004-05 TO REMOVE ASBESTOS FROM THE ELLINGTON FIRE HOUSE.

The BOS continued out of agenda order to NEW BUSINESS, B.

B. Georgiana Lee: Request Reimbursement for Removal of Tree

Ms. Lee came forward to review her request for reimbursement for the removal of a tree which was on Town property. She explained that she did not realize the tree was in the Town right-of-way until after the tree was removed. She felt the tree presented a danger as branches were falling off and she feared someone would get hurt. Ms. Lee distributed pictures of the remaining tree stump, pointing out the decay. Mr. Stupinski recommended reimbursing Ms. Lee for the removal cost.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE REQUEST OF GEORGIANA LEE AND REIMBURSE HER FOR EXPENSES SHE INCURRED FOR REMOVAL OF LARGE TREE ON TOWN PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,060.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Housing Authority – Request to Waive PILOT Payment

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Housing Authority did not pay last year's PILOT payment. Last month the Executive Director explained to the BOS that their budget is running in a deficit due to rent controls and lack of support from the State. Mr. Stupinski has requested a report from CCM regarding cuts made to the State's Renters Assistance Program. He recommended granting the request to waive payment for Fiscal Year 2004-05. When the report is received from CCM, the BOS can then determine if a waiver should be granted for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Mr. Pagani stated that the lack of funding by the State to the Renters Assistance Program is another example of unfunded mandates from the State.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO WAIVE THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,888.51 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05.

B. Land Use Fees Ordinance

Mr. Stupinski referenced a letter from the Town Attorney dated January 23, 2006. The Town Planner is working on the fee structure for the proposed ordinance. This item was tabled to the March 13, 2006 meeting.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM L., *CCM ENERGY PURCHASE PROGRAM*, ITEM M., *AUTHORIZE FIRST SELECTMAN TO APPLY FOR DIAL-A-RIDE FUNDING GRANT* AND ITEM N., *RESCIND ACTION TAKEN ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET RE: STUDENT TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURE*.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,169.54 AND TAX ABATEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112.87, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT. **(ATTACHED)**

C. Jr. Women's Club – Request to Use Town Green for Annual Fair:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE REQUEST OF THE JR. WOMEN'S CLUB (JWC) AS FOLLOWS: THE JWC MAY USE THE TOWN GREEN ON MAY 13, 2006 FOR THE ANNUAL FAIR ON THE GREEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.; THE JWC MAY SET UP FOR THE FAIR THREE HOURS BEFORE THE FAIR BEGINS AND REMAIN ON THE GREEN AFTER THE FAIR HAS ENDED TO CLEAN UP; THE JWC WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EMPTYING TRASH BARRELS INTO A GARBAGE DUMPSTER, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TOWN; CHURCH STREET SHALL BE CLOSED DURING FAIR HOURS; THE TOWN HALL AND ANNEX PARKING LOTS MAY BE UTILIZED DURING THE FAIR FOR PATRON PARKING; THE JWC MAY POST NO PARKING SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE GREEN.

D. Authorize First Selectman to Submit Grant Application:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE MICHAEL P. STUPINSKI, FIRST SELECTMAN, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO SUPPLEMENT EDUCATION NEEDS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AWARD IF OFFERED.

E. Planimetrics Contract – Plan of Conservation and Development:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND PLANIMETRICS, LLC, FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,500, PLUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE TOWN.

F. Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Churches

The BOS will ask the Ordinance Committee to review the issue of waiving Building Permit Fees for churches or charities and make a recommendation to the BOS.

G. Inland Wetlands Agency – Removal of Member:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REMOVE ADAM BARBER AS A MEMBER OF THE INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE TOWN'S ATTENDANCE POLICY OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS.

H. Consider Revision for Regulations for Use of Town Hall Facilities:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REVISE ITEM #5 OF THE REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TOWN HALL FACILITIES AS FOLLOWS: *SMOKING AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED IN ALL TOWN-OWNED FACILITIES.*

I. Reclassification Request – B. Strong – Tax Collector Department:

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF BRENDA STRONG FROM TAX CLERK TO DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR, AT A RATE OF \$19.83 PER HOUR FOR A 35-HOUR WORK WEEK EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2006.

J. BOS Endorsement – CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility:

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Board of Education endorsed the resolution in support of the Consortium Group for fiscal responsibility and recommended that the BOS do the same. Ms. Harford stated that the Town needs to attend the legislative hearings and to press State lawmakers for change.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AS SUBMITTED. **(ATTACHED)**

L. CCM Energy Purchase Program:

Mr. Stupinski briefly reviewed the CCM Energy Purchase Program, noting that the agreement is to express an interest to participate. Contracts are for 2-5 years for fixed-price electric supply. CCM can make a presentation to the BOS to provide an overview

of the program. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Stupinski to have CCM make a presentation. Mr. Stupinski will also invite the Board of Education to attend.

M. Authorize First Selectmen to Apply for Dial-A-Ride Funding Grant.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE MICHAEL P. STUPINSKI, FIRST SELECTMAN, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000 FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES.

N. Rescind Action Taken on Capital Improvements Budget
Re: Student Technology Expenditure

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) TO RESCIND THE ACTION OF THE BOS TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 23, 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MEETING WITH RESPECT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ITEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,000.

Discussion:

Mr. Miller believes that the student technology request does not meet the criteria of the Capital Improvement plan as a non-recurring expense that will last 5+ years. He felt the request should be made in the Board of Education's operating budget.

Mr. Pagani stated that the Board of Finance suggested the technology request be placed in the Capital Improvement budget as money has been allocated in the past to the Board of Education operating budget but never used to purchase computers. He feels that by placing the request in the Capital Improvement budget it will provide control and ensure that the money is spent for computers. He noted that the computers will be in place for longer than five years.

The above motion was withdrawn.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS ITEM B-3, FIRST SELECTMAN'S SALARY FY 2006-07.

VI. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Policies Committee:

1. Consider Policy to Reimburse Volunteer Emergency Personnel Subpoenaed to Court on behalf of the Town of Ellington

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY THAT WILL REIMBURSE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL WHEN SUBPOENAED TO COURT AT \$20 PER HOUR WITH A FOUR HOUR MINIMUM.

Mr. Charter questioned the effective date of the policy. Mr. Stupinski explained that the above motion is to establish a policy and that the Personnel Policies Committee must now draft a policy, in which they could add an effective date.

B. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BETH TEDFORD, ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS EMT/DRIVER.

2. Appointments:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT PETER KORBUSIESKI TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2008.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT GEORGE NICKERSON TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO MARCH 31, 2009.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DAVID DANFORTH TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO FEBRUARY 28, 2009.

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT JEAN BURNS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2008.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT KATHERINE HEMINWAY AND PETER WELTI TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT RONALD STOMBERG AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO AUGUST 31, 2006.

3. First Selectman's Salary FY 2006-07

Mr. Stupinski excused himself and left the meeting room. Ms. Way took over the Chair.

Ms. Way stated that the BOS is required by Charter to address the First Selectman's Salary on an annual basis. She noted that currently the position is classified as an E-8 with the following salary range: \$74,006/\$77,500/\$90,000. This salary range was established using an average of First Selectmen and Town Managers salaries in municipalities with like population to Ellington. She asked the BOS to consider revising the range to include an average of First Selectmen salaries only. The BOS agreed to adjust the range and to increase the First Selectman's salary slightly over the minimum

Mr. Charter was hesitant to change the range established by the consultant. He noted that there are several Department Heads earning a higher salary than the First Selectman. Mr. Miller stated that a higher increase would lose creditability with the voters. He acknowledged that Mr. Stupinski has been in the job for over 8 years and deserves more than the minimum but he cannot justify a higher increase at this time. He noted that most First Selectmen perform the job out of a sense of duty to the Town.

Mr. Charter asked if the First Selectman would be entitled to a merit increase. Ms. Way stated that next February the BOS can conduct a performance evaluation and award an increase accordingly.

Mr. Stupinski returned to the meeting at this time.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REVISE THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S POSITION (LEVEL E-8) AS FOLLOWS: MINIMUM RANGE \$65,000, MIDPOINT RANGE \$77,500 AND MAXIMUM RANGE \$90,000.

MOVED (WAY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE FIRST SELECTMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS: None.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Stupinski recently met with the Crystal Lake Association, George Knoecklein from Northeast Aquatic Research, and Chuck Lee from the DEP regarding a State grant to be used for a Pilot Program to suction the milfoil from Crystal Lake. The cost of the program would be \$6,800, of which the DEP would provide \$5,100, with a net cost to the Town of \$1,700. The DEP would like to start the program as soon as possible as the milfoil has expanded significantly across the lake. Mr. Lee would also like to reinstate the monitoring program at Crystal Lake. Mr. Stupinski will talk to the Finance Officer regarding funding. This item will be discussed at the March 13, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Public Works Director and the Town Engineer met with the State DOT regarding the round-about at the intersection of Pinney Street and Windermere Avenue. The DOT has recommended some changes to the design to include a longer approach to reduce speed. They proposed a signal light as an alternative to the round-about but were opposed to allowing temporary stop signs in the interim.

Mr. Stupinski stated that CIRMA will be presenting an award to the Town in April in recognition of the Safety & Health Committee accomplishments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (WAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 9:47 P.M.

Submitted by



Marie Sauve

Approved by



Michael P. Stupinski

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	TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS				
	FEBRUARY, 2006				
DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION	MV/PERS.PROP REAL ESTATE	YEAR	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.	REASON FOR
	REFUNDS				
\$28.09	BEDARD, RICHARD J or JOANNE E	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$619.34	CAMRAC, INC	MOTOR VEHICLE	03	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$658.79	FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO	MOTOR VEHICLE	03	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$897.39	FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$625.85	GMAC	MOTOR VEHICLE	03	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$31.62	HALL, TAMMY or ALLEN T	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE TOTALED
\$373.30	HOWARD, LISA K	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	MOVED FROM ELL
\$103.51	JAGUAR CREDIT CORP	MOTOR VEHICLE	03	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$61.63	KLOTER, JENNIFER J	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	TRADED DOWN
\$10.90	LOSEY, LINCOLN S	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	MOVED FROM CT
\$25.54	MESEL, NORMAN C	MOTOR VEHICLE	03	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$641.09	NOGA, ANDREW L or PATRICIA K	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	MOVED FROM ELL
\$20.28	SCHMIDT, WILLIAM E	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	TRADED DOWN
\$9.34	SCUDIERI, JENNIFER L	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$115.22	SMITH, GORDON A JR	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	MOVED FROM CT
\$20.59	STERLING, ELISA G	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	BAA	HIGH MILEAGE
\$206.07	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
\$340.33	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	MOVED FROM CT
\$1,344.00	UNTERSTEIN, WILLIAM A JR & ZAHNER, GWEN	REAL ESTATE	04	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PYMT
\$207.64	WILLIAMS, PETER R	MOTOR VEHICLE	04	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE TRANSF
\$1,829.02	ZWICK, TINA B	REAL ESTATE	04	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PYMT
\$8,169.54	FEBRUARY REFUND TOTAL				
	ABATEMENTS				
\$112.87	BRADDOCK, KENT A	MOTOR VEHICLE	02, 03	TAX OFFICE	HARDSHIP (deceased)
\$112.87	FEBRUARY ABATEMENT TOTAL				
\$8,282.41	FEBRUARY, 2006 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL				
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Resolution in Support of the Consortium Group

Whereas state interventions into traditionally local budgetary affairs have negatively impacted the delicate balance between a municipality's capacity to provide services and the local taxpayers' ability to pay for said services; and

Whereas, such interventions have effectively reduced the municipalities' ability to manage major components of a typical town budget; and

Whereas, COST, CABE, CCM and other municipal advocacy agencies have all traditionally called for repeal or reform of prevailing wage and binding arbitration laws that currently apply to and negatively impact the municipalities across Connecticut; and

Whereas, the state legislature in Connecticut continues to force new mandates upon the towns while reneging on its own statutory municipal aid commitments to said towns.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Ellington join and support the CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility in its effort to bring about changes beneficial to the municipalities and taxpayers across Connecticut.

Said changes include:

- 1) Raising the cost thresholds under the prevailing wage statute from the current \$100 K/\$400 K levels to minimally the \$1 million level,
- 2) Leveling the playing field in binding arbitration by allowing an arbitrated settlement, if rejected by the local legislature body, to then be sent back into negotiations, rather than directly into the last round of appellate review, and
- 3) A prohibition on new mandates upon the towns from the state until the legislature meets its own funding commitment already existing on the books.

The Towns seek to be better able to live within their own means, as well should the government of our State of Connecticut.

